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Mr. Tim Texel, Executive Director and General Counsel
Nebraska Power Review Board
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Subject: NPA Statewide Research and Conservation Report 70-1026

Dear Tim:

As requested by the Nebraska Power Review Board (NPRB) and as provided by State Statute (70-1026), the Nebraska Power Association (NPA) has prepared the attached NPA Statewide Research and Conservation Report.

The report indicates significant activity by NPA utilities in both research and in energy efficiency areas. This is true even though the American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy (ACEEE) ranked Nebraska 47th in energy efficiency. The ACEEE rankings are scored on a number of different criteria, some of which, like a decoupling of utility rates the NPA utilities and legislators have agreed are less economical or advantageous for Nebraskans. A substantial portion of the ranking is also dependent on transportation policy, a difficult issue to address for a largely rural state. Caveats aside, this report demonstrates that Nebraska is not lagging behind the pack in energy efficiency but is among the leaders.

Nebraska continues to focus on a common sense approach to sustainability through expanded installations of renewable energy technologies and energy efficiency programs. Many NPA utilities are well on their way towards meeting the goals taken on themselves as responsible stewards of the State's resources. In 2010, Nebraska generated enough wind energy to power over 38,000 homes. Even greener than a kilowatt-hour generated by a wind turbine on the plains of Nebraska is a kilowatt that is not needed. NPA utilities continue to be committed to providing their customers with a number of programs and technologies designed to reduce their energy consumption. Through investments in energy efficiency, utilities are helping customers utilize energy more effectively, thus providing more "value" from the energy NPA utilities deliver, saving over 79 GWH of energy in 2010.

Denise Kuehn will be at the NPRB meeting on December 14, 2011 to present the Report and to address questions. There will also be other NPA Joint Planning Committee members present to answer any utility-specific questions. If prior to the NPRB meeting you have any questions regarding the Report, please feel free to contact Denise Kuehn of the Omaha Public Power District at 402-636-3349 or myself at 402-910-1856.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Clint Johannes" followed by a stylized flourish.

Clint Johannes
Chair, Nebraska Power Association Joint Planning Subcommittee